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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: The Tri County News		2. DATE OF FILING
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 51	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: 22.17 in state [illegible]
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers): 303 WEST MAIN STREET		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers): 303 WEST MAIN STREET		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: LYN NIELSON		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. FULL NAME / COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS		
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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	[illegible]	[illegible]
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	~~553~~ 5	5
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	548	496
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	553	501
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	9	9
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	0	0
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	562	510
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2. Return from News Agents	7	7
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	617	657

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

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